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In re Application of:

Keizo INOUE et al.

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For: ANIMALS WITH KNOCKED OUT
α-TOCOPHEROL TRANSFER
PROTEIN GENE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

14. (New) A non-human mammal artificially modified to inhibit the expression
of its endogenous gene encoding α-tocopherol transfer protein.

15. (New) The non-human mammal according to claim 14, wherein the
expression of its endogenous gene encoding α-tocopherol transfer protein is inhibited
by disruption of at least a part of the gene or an expression regulatory region thereof.

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